



## Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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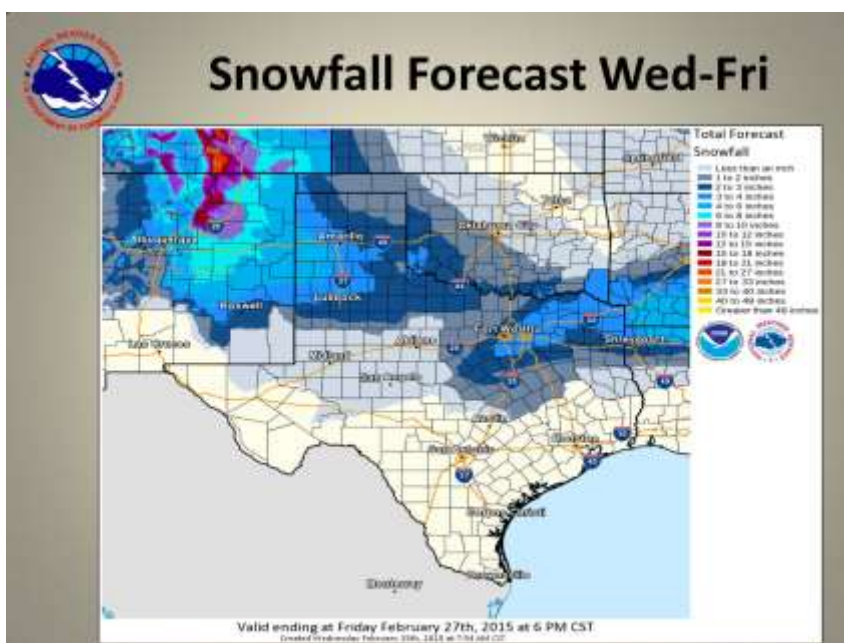
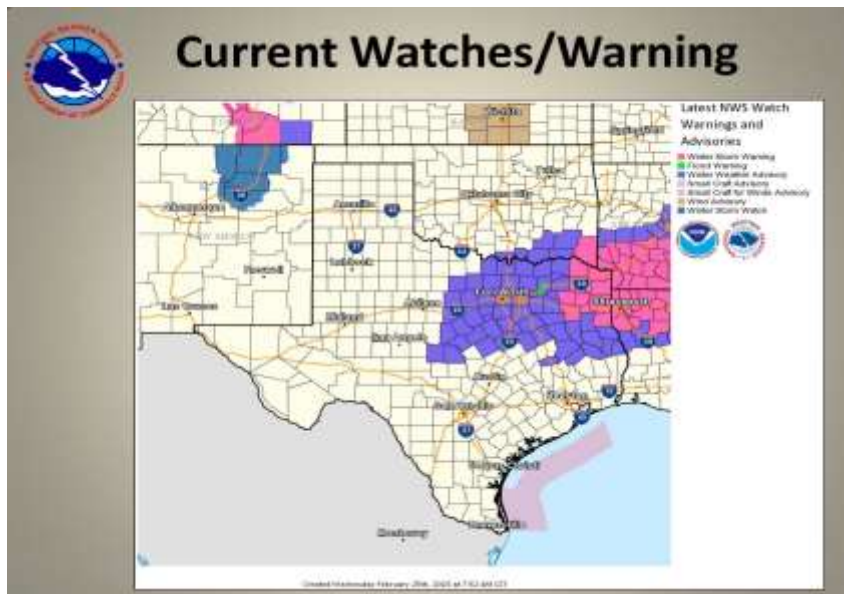
<b>Event Name</b>	Winter Weather (FINAL)
<b>Date</b>	February 25, 2015
<b>Time</b>	1600
<b>Operational Period</b>	February 25, 2015
<b>Report Number</b>	#3

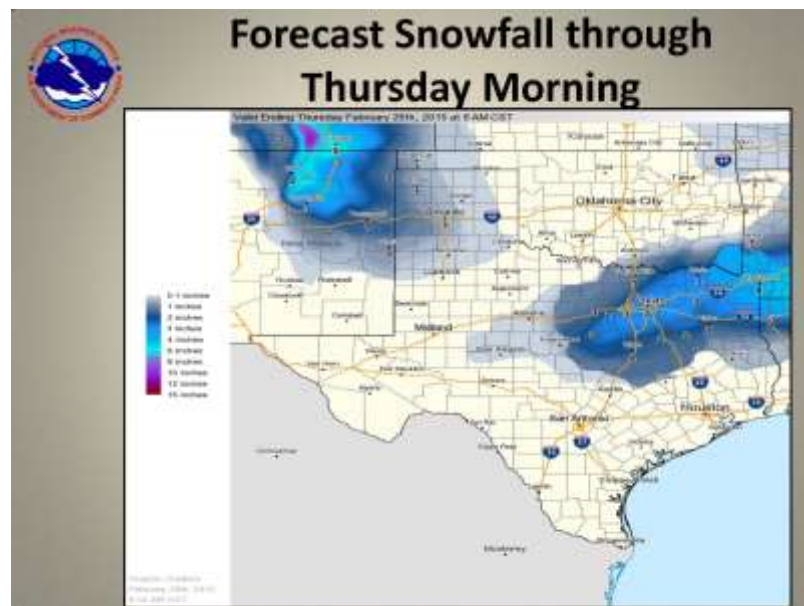
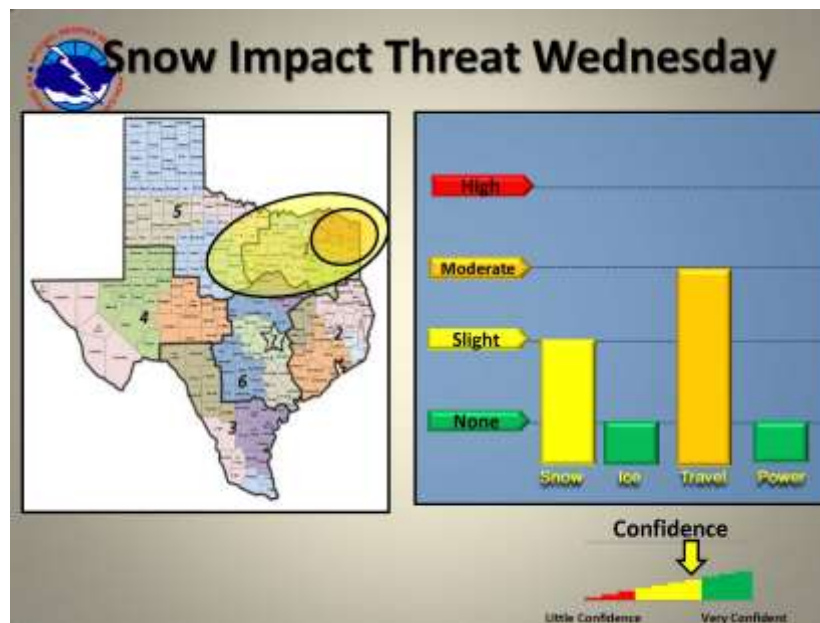
<b>Regions Affected</b>	
<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	1, 2, 6
<b>DDCs Active</b>	5 Mt. Pleasant; 6 Tyler

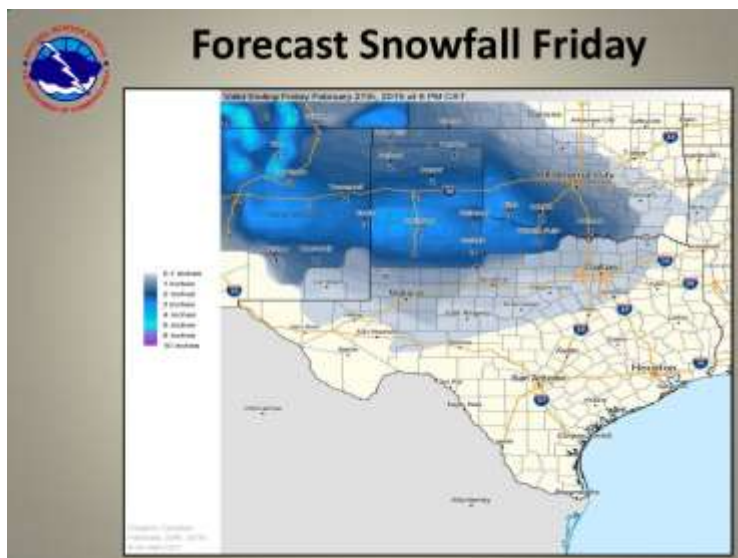
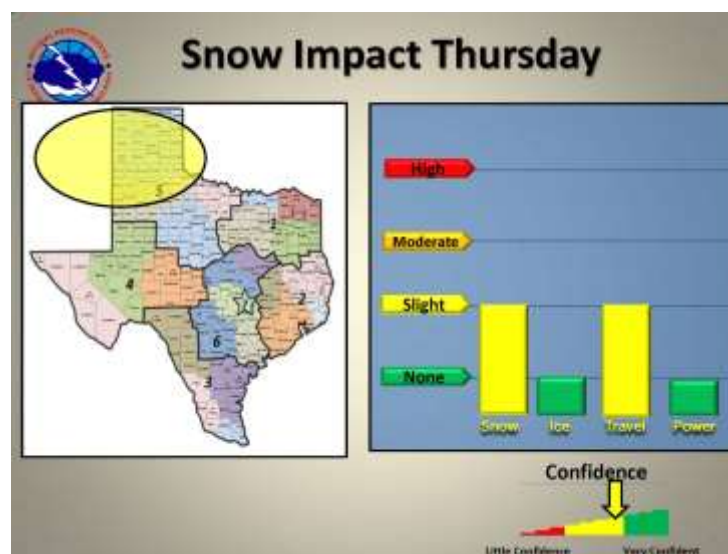
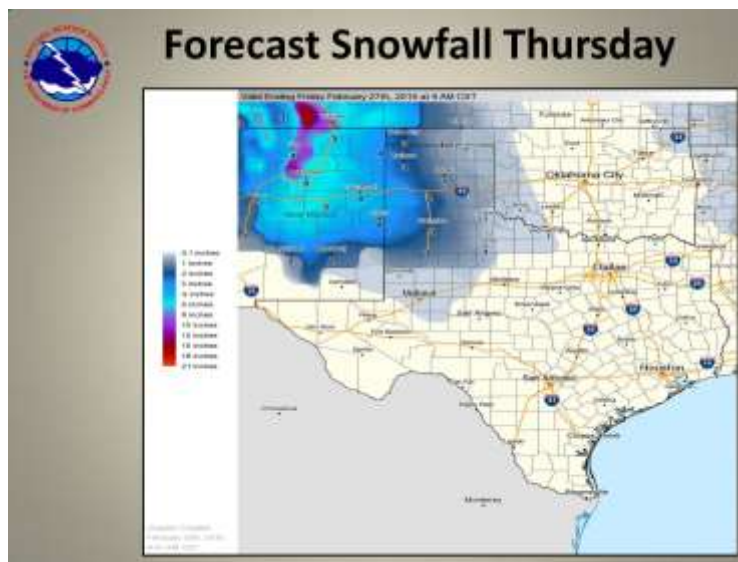
### STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

A *Winter Storm Warning* continues through 6:00 PM this evening for parts of Northeast Texas. An upper-level trough of low pressure across West Texas and the Panhandle moved into the region this morning. Ahead of the trough, mixed precipitation, mostly in the form of freezing rain and sleet began impacting the region, but turned to mostly snow. Snow amounts will vary with the higher totals of 3 to 5 inches forecast for the northern third of Northeast Texas. Further south along and near the IH20 Corridor of Northeast Texas and northern Louisiana, snow amounts should range from 1 inch south of the IH20 Corridor to near 4 inches north of the corridor. Numerous vehicle accidents were reported in impacted areas throughout the day and continue to be reported. Sporadic power outages have been reported in parts of East Texas, possibly due to ice buildup on transmission lines. The system that has caused these problems is forecast to exit the region late this afternoon or early this evening. Temperatures in most areas are forecast to rise above freezing.

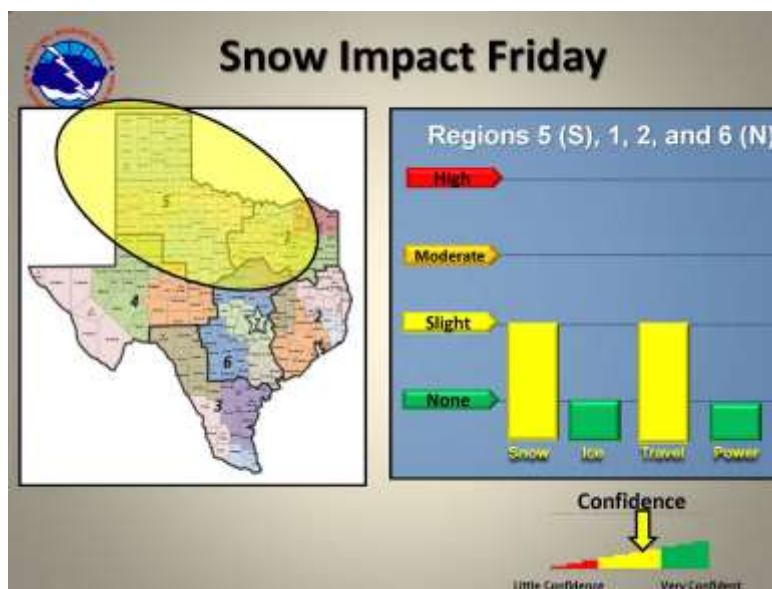
The State Operations Center (SOC) decreased its activation level to Level IV (Normal Conditions) effective at 7 PM Tuesday, February 24, 2015.









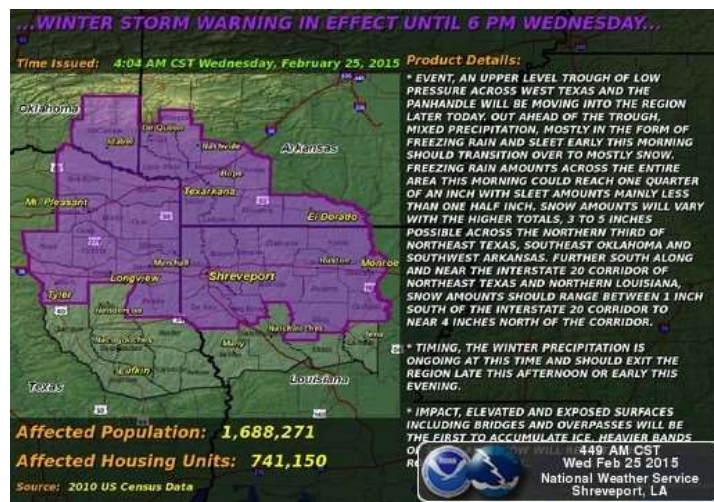


## Region 1

**NWS Fort Worth:** Periods of heavier snow will be possible beneath any banded regions of snow. Snowfall amounts are expected to generally be between 3 to 5 inches along the IH30 Corridor. Elsewhere, totals of 1 to 3 inches will be possible. Brief travel disruptions will be possible beneath heavier snow bands, but most snow should end around noon. Temperatures will warm sufficiently this afternoon such that a great deal of melting should occur.



**NWS Shreveport:** A Winter Storm Warning began at midnight Wednesday, due to forecast additional winter precipitation. An upper-level trough approached the region this morning bringing with it a mixture of sleet and snow. Snow accumulations of 1-5 inches will be possible in the warning areas.



## REGION 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)

DPS Offices in Navarro, Ellis, Kaufman, Hunt, Hopkins, Titus, Bowie, Franklin, Lamar, Red River, Delta, Rains, Van Zandt, Henderson, Anderson, Cherokee, Smith, Wood, Kemp, Upshur, Gregg, Rusk, Panola, Harrison and Marion Counties are closed. All other DPS Offices in Region 1 delayed opening until 10:00 AM.

**DDC 4 – Hurst** (Includes Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise Counties)

The DDC has returned to normal operations.

**DFW International Airport:** EOC partially activated. More than 1000 flights in and out of DFW have been cancelled. An American Airlines plane taxiing to Terminal A at DFW International Airport slid off the taxiway and became stuck in the grass Monday night.

**DDC 4 – Garland** (Includes Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro, and Rockwall Counties)

The DDC has returned to normal operations.

**DDC 5 – Mt. Pleasant** (Includes Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties)

The DDC has activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) in support of local jurisdictions due to winter weather conditions.

Heavy snow is falling in Mt. Pleasant and TxDOT began plowing operations on the new loop around Mt. Pleasant. TxDOT Atlanta District has plows stationed in Mt. Pleasant to plow IH30 from Titus County/Franklin County line to Texarkana if the need arises. TxDOT Paris has two plows in Greenville and two plows in Sulphur Springs to plow from Franklin County/Titus County line to Hunt County/Rockwall County line on IH30 if the need arises.



Snow in Mt. Pleasant

**Bowie County:** Rain/sleet/snow mix with all roads open. TxDOT is prepared to respond with plows. Some schools had a two-hour delayed opening. The following are closed: Leary, Maud, New Boston, Redwater, Simms ISDs; Texarkana College; TAMU Texarkana; Bowie County offices.

**Cass County:** Linden Kildare, Avenger, McLeod, Queen City and Bloomburg ISDs are closed.

**Delta County:** Cooper ISD is closed.

**Franklin County:** Patches of ice on bridges and overpasses. Mt. Vernon ISD and Franklin County offices are closed.

**Hopkins County:** Patches of ice on bridges and overpasses. Como, Cumby and Miller Grove ISDs opened at 10 AM. Sulphur Springs ISD is closed. No government office closures or delayed openings reported.

**Lamar County:** Snow expected. Roads are mostly clear with some icy spots. Some schools and government offices delayed opening until 10 AM.

**Morris County:** Daingerfield and Paul Pewitt ISDs are closed. No government office closures or delayed openings reported at this time.

**Red River County:** No icy bridges, snow or sleet reported at this time. Detroit ISD resumed classes at 10 AM. No government office closures reported at this time.

**Titus County:** No icy bridges, snow or sleet reported at this time. Mt. Pleasant, Chapel Hill, and Harts Bluff ISDs are closed. No government office closures reported at this time.

**DDC 6 – Tyler** (Includes Rains, Wood, Camp, Upshur, Marion, Van Zandt, Smith, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Anderson, Cherokee, Rusk, and Panola Counties)

Following are various views of snow at the DPS Tyler Office.







The DDC remains at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions). Numerous school, business, and government offices are closed or delayed opening. TxDOT has multiple crews working throughout the district. Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) District Coordinator, Tyler is reporting problem areas as information is received. Toll Road 49 has multiple icy spots and bridges are beginning to become icy. Visibility on IH20 is  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile, and snow and ice accumulations are causing vehicle accidents and slide-offs.

Smith, Gregg, Van Zandt, Wood, Rains and Upshur Counties are reporting icy roadways and sporadic power outages, due to limbs and trees falling on power lines.

**Gregg County:** The courthouse/downtown Longview area is without power. All city and county offices are closed.

**Van Zandt County:** Report a power outage in Van Zandt County. The majority of the City of Wills Point is experiencing a power outage that includes the Wills Point Police Department, Wills Point Fire Department and the City Hall. Power transformers were not functioning due to ice buildup. Power was fully restored.

**Wood County:** There are reports of a *possible* fatality accident in Wood County. Further information will be provided as available.

**DDC 22 – Sherman** (Includes Cooke, Grayson and Fannin Counties)

**Grayson County:** EOC has activated. United States (US) Highway 82 and State Highway (SH) 11 are shut down due to vehicle accidents.

**Cooke County:** All schools scheduled to be closed through Thursday.

**Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)**

There were no reported storm damages in any counties; no reports of road closures or damages; and no weather-related injuries or fatalities. The only school delays occurred on 022415 in Liberty County for Hardin and Tarkington ISDs with 2-hour planned morning bus delays. There no reports of government or business office closures.

**DDC 15 – Beaumont** (Includes Jefferson, Hardin, and Orange Counties)

DDC 15 has returned to normal operations.

**DDC 16 – Conroe** (Includes Walker, Montgomery, Waller and Liberty Counties)

All EOCs in Waller, Walker, Liberty and Montgomery Counties returned to normal operations.

**DDC 16 – Houston** (Includes Chambers and Harris Counties)

All EOCs in Chambers and Harris Counties returned to normal operations.

**Region 4 (Includes DDCs 8, 9, and 10)**

**DDC 10 – San Angelo** (Includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green Counties)

The airport is closed. TxDOT continues to monitor for any possible ice accumulation.

**Region 6** (Includes DDCs 11, 23, 12, 18, and 17)

**DDC 11/23 – Waco** (Includes Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Falls, Freestone, Hamilton, Hill, Lampasas, Limestone, McLennan, Milam, Mills, and San Saba Counties)

The DDC returned to Level IV (Normal Conditions) yesterday. Snow and sleet was occurring within the DDC, with 1-3 inches accumulation reported in Bosque, Hill, Hamilton, San Saba, and Mills Counties. TxDOT and DBI are treating roads and bridges as necessary and reported. Several minor traffic accidents reported (15 reported from 6:30 AM thru 9:00 AM). One motor

vehicle accident with injuries was reported on State Highway (SH) 6 west of Highway 185. No road closures reported.

The following ISDs are closed: Cranfills Gap, Mexia and Whitney.

The following ISDs had a two-hour delayed opening: Tarleton State University in Waco; Goldthwaite, Hamilton, Jonesboro, Meridian, Morgan, Mullin, and Priddy.

Texas Christian Academy had a two-hour delayed opening.

Tarleton State University-Waco had a two-hour delayed opening.

### **STATE AGENCY REPORTS TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESPONDING AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS**

**Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC):** AEP SWEPCO has reported that they have 13,000 customers without power in East Texas. AEP SWEPCO does not yet know the cause of the outage but suspects icing on transmission lines. They are working to re-route power to avoid inclement weather, in an attempt to restore power. The outages are contained to Harrison, Gregg, and Rusk Counties, with most affected (5,000) in Gregg County.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** DPS Highway Patrol is monitoring weather conditions and assisting motorists who might be stranded due to icy road conditions.

**Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM):** District Coordinators in impacted and potentially impacted areas are coordinating with volunteer agencies, local government agencies and also assisting with coordination of winter weather conference calls. District Coordinators who were deployed to DDC Hurst and DDC Garland have been demobilized to return to their home stations.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT crews are treating icy pavements and overpasses in all affected major highways. Pre-treatment has begun on sections of the State which are forecasted to have additional winter weather. Patrols will monitor highway conditions throughout the night until winter weather conditions improve. TxDOT had 4413 pieces of equipment supporting anti-icing, cleanup and pre-treatment operations. TxDOT is expected to return to normal operations this evening. For additional information on highway conditions, please log in to <http://www.drivetexas.org>.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** Game Wardens are engaged in working traffic accidents, welfare checks and motorist assists in North and Northeast Texas. Personnel are supporting their local DDCs in the regions. TPWD is standing by and monitoring the weather.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** TFS provided two maintainers in support of TxDOT's de-icing operations in DDC 7 Abilene. Those resources have been released by TxDOT.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The SOC resumed Level IV (Normal Conditions) as of 7:00 pm Tuesday, February 24, 2015. This is the final situation report on this event; however the SOC will continue to monitor any additional impacts. The State Operations Center (SOC) conducted a winter weather conference call with state emergency management council agencies and National

Weather Service Offices at 10:00 a.m. this morning. Additional conference calls will be conducted as needed.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

Level I (Emergency Conditions)  
Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)  
Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)  
Level IV (Normal Conditions)

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